

Be Born in Us:

Bringing Blessing



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Immanuel Lutheran Church

And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. Genesis 12:2

Prelude
Ringing of Bells
Welcome

Hymn of Invocation #LSB 331

The Advent of Our King

Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sins to God, our Father, asking for His forgiveness.

C **Lord God, You have blessed us with your love and salvation. But we do not always live as your people. We have turned away from your Word. We daily follow our selfish desires. We listen to the temptations of the world around us. And we do not share with others the blessings we have received. Have mercy upon us and forgive us.**

P The Father has sent His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to be a blessing to the nations. And He has come to atone for your sins and for the sins of the world. Therefore, upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as a servant of Christ, announce the grace of God unto all of you. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. Blesséd are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered** (Romans 4:7).

Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem v. 4

(LSB 361)

O holy Child of Bethlehem,	We hear the Christmas angels
Descend to us, we pray;	The great glad tidings tell;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,	O come to us, abide with us,
Be born in us today.	Our Lord Immanuel!

Collect of the Day

Hymn: Once He Came in Blessing v.1

(LSB 333)

Once He came in blessing,	Son of God most holy;
All our sins redressing;	Bore the cross to save us;
Came in likeness lowly,	Hope and freedom gave us.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1-8

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 4:1-8

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

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Stand

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-56

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of

what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

⁴⁶And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹for he who is mighty has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

⁵⁰And his mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

⁵²he has brought down the mighty from their thrones

and exalted those of humble estate;

⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,

and the rich he has sent empty away.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵as he spoke to our fathers,

to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

⁵⁶And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

L This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sit

Hymn of the Day #LSB 356 *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*
Sermon

Hymn of the Day #LSB 354 *vv.1-2* *Arise, O Christian People*
Stand

Prayers of The Church

Lord's Prayer

Luther's Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Blessing

Departing Hymn #LSB 350 *Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come*